



Momentum Moving into 2026

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Today we'll be covering...

1. Q1 Action

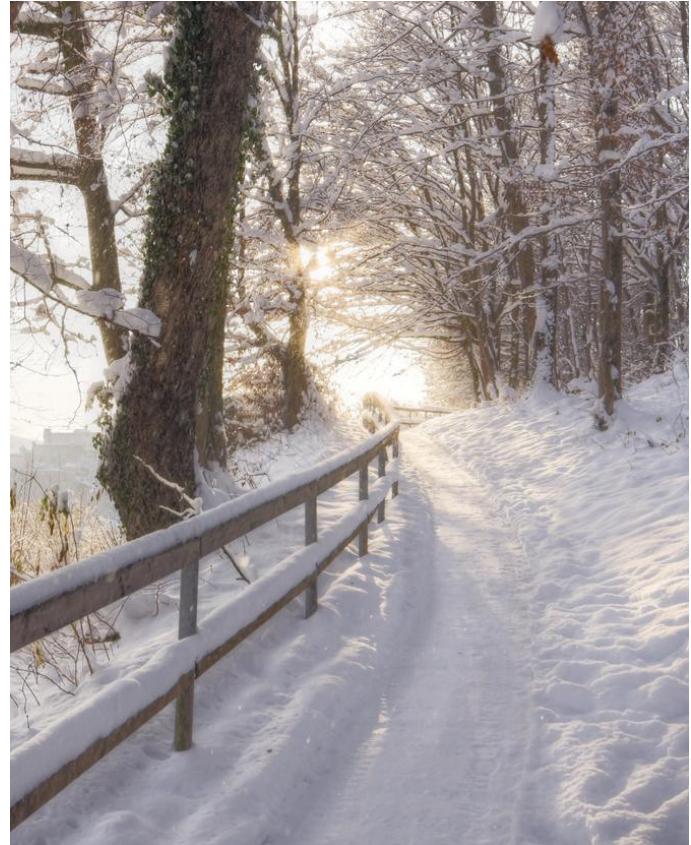
- Safe-Spending
- Tax Season

2. Financial Markets

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- Int'l vs. U.S.
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Q1 Action

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Trading

Cash & Safe-Spending

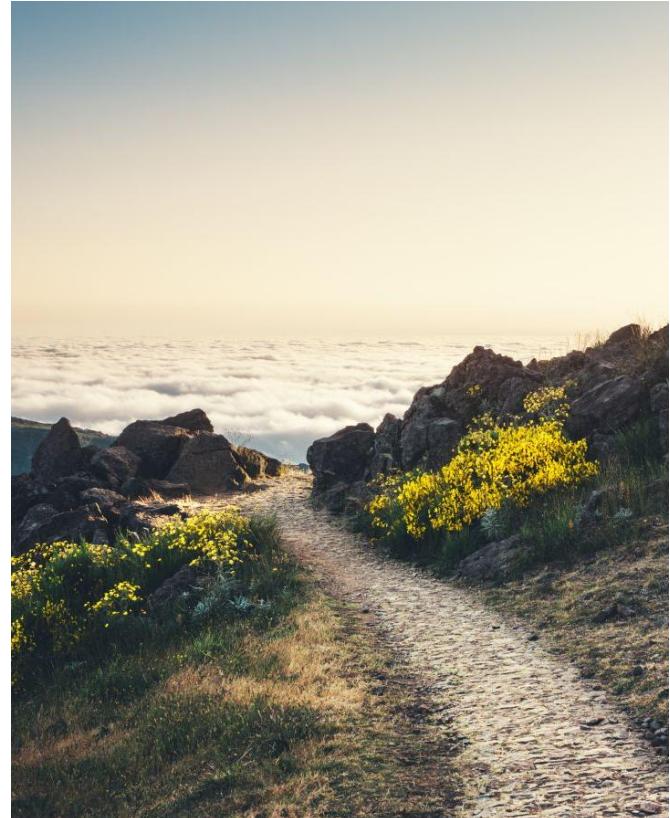
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Stable Reserve

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Tax Season!

1099-Rs and 1099s



Predictions vs. Reality: S&P500



via Dimensional



Predictions vs. Reality: Beyond the US

	US EXCEPTIONALISM	STRENGTH OF THE US DOLLAR	CHINESE STOCK MARKET
2025 Outlooks	<p>"The current polarized regional equity performance will likely persist going into 2025, with U.S. equities preferred over eurozone and EM"¹</p> <p>December 17, 2024</p>	<p>"2025 will clearly be a case of strong economy, strong currency for the U.S. dollar."²</p> <p>December 10, 2024</p>	<p>"[China] will be incapable of providing a sustainable economic recovery or a stock market breakout."³</p> <p>December 11, 2024</p>
What Happened?	<p>15.2% Global ex US markets outperformance vs. US⁴</p>	<p>-5.97% Decline of U.S. dollar vs. other major developed market currencies on average⁵</p>	<p>8.8% China outperformance vs. global markets⁶</p>

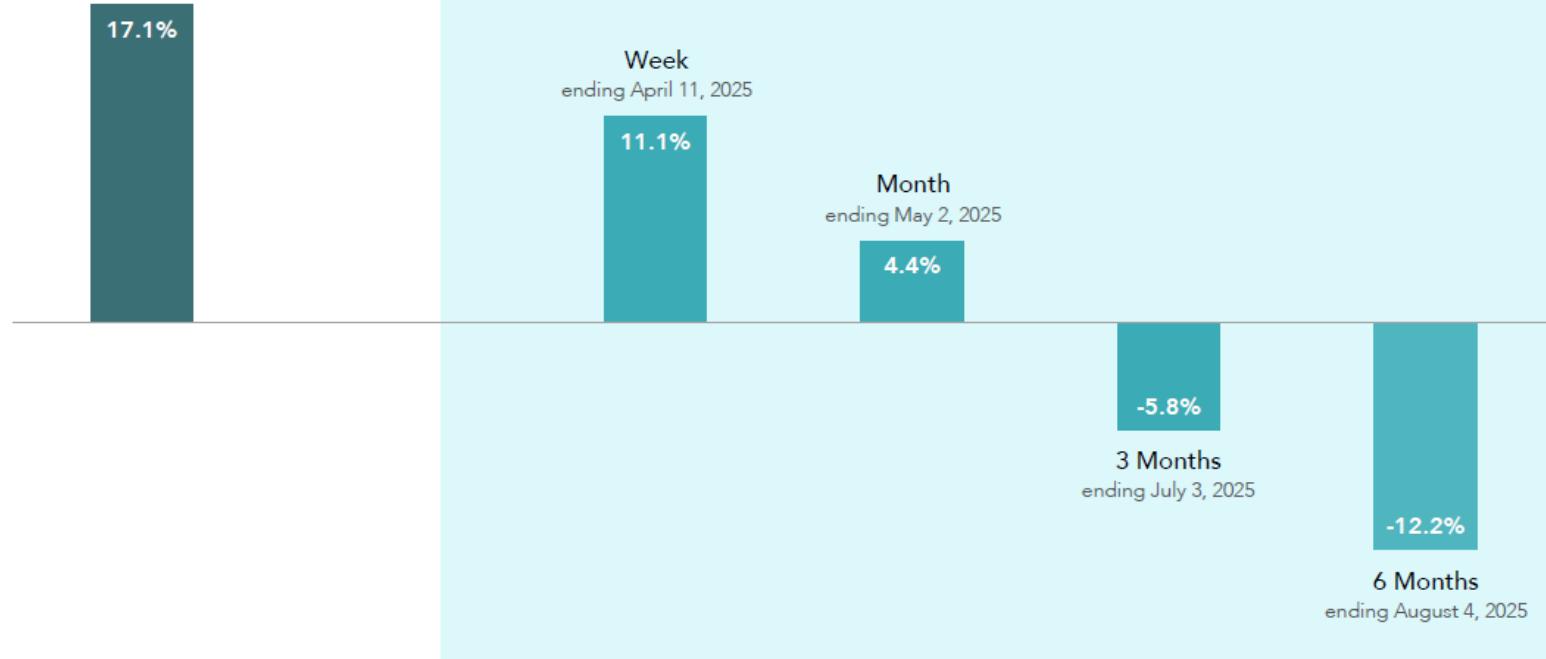
Market outcomes based on
January 1–December 31, 2025

via Dimensional



Market Timing: It's Hard to Be Right Twice

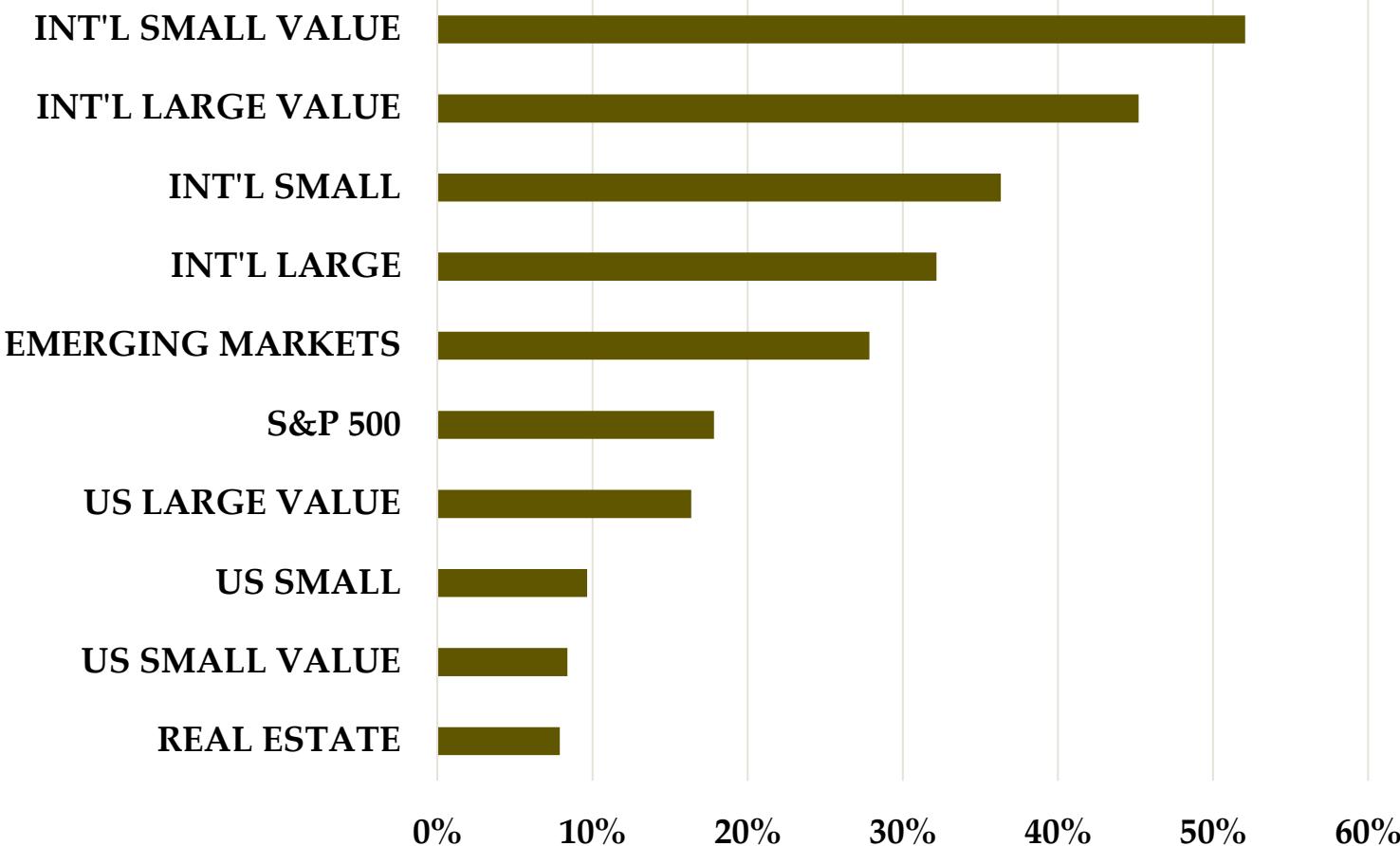
2025 total return if
continuously invested
from January 1, 2025



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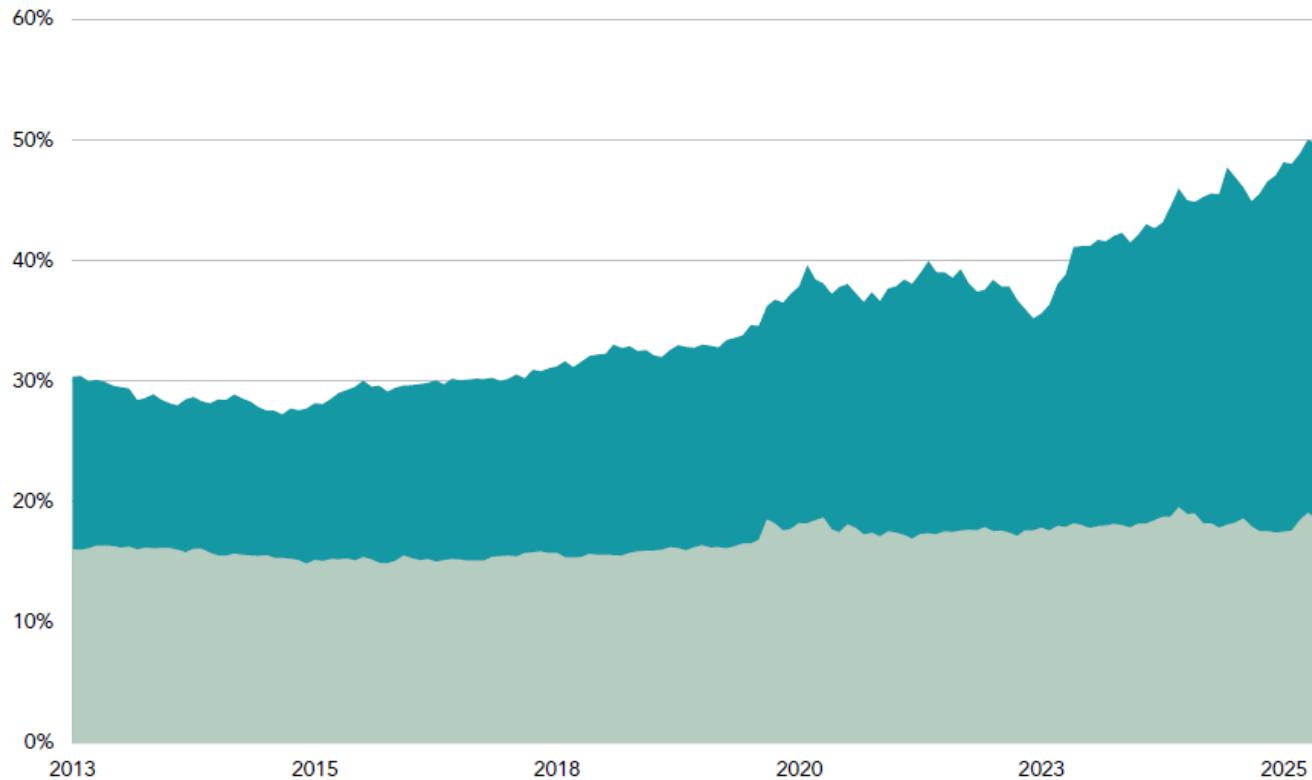


Performance Update: 2025



Int'l vs US

Index weight in
largest 20 companies



As of December 31, 2025,
the 20 largest companies
within each respective
index accounted for:



S&P 500
Index



MSCI All
Country World
ex USA Index

via Dimensional



Market Headlines from This Week

Two down weeks in a row

The major indexes capped off a second straight stretch of weekly losses as investors digested a wave of geopolitical headlines and navigated what remains an unsettled trading environment to start 2026.

The S&P 500 ([^GSPC](#)) barely cracked above the flat line by less than 0.1% on Friday, losing 0.4% in total on the week, and the Dow Jones Industrial

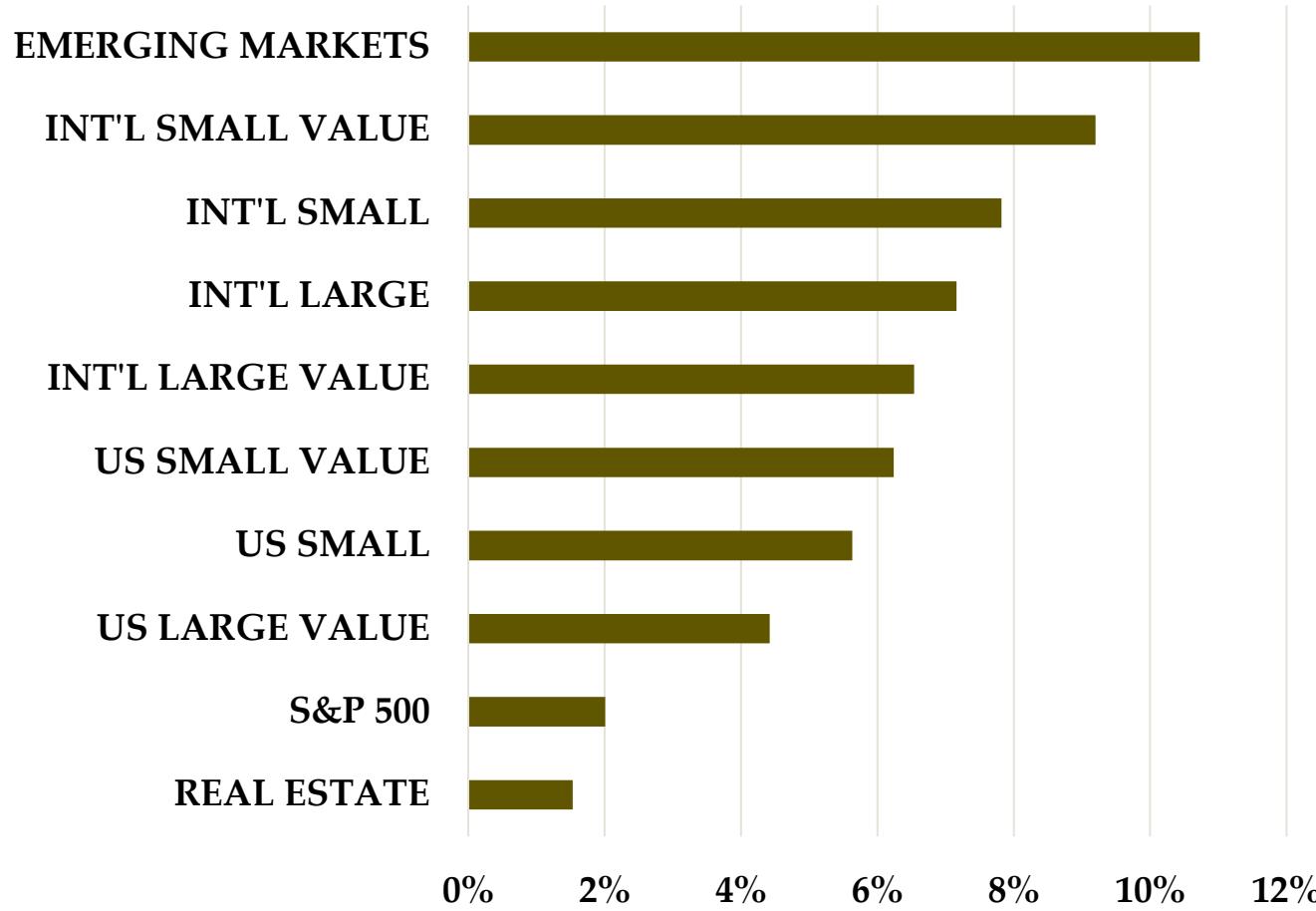
Average ([^DJI](#)) fell into the red on Friday on a gain of 0.3%, the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite ([^IXIC](#)) fell into the red for the week, s

But did you know that international stocks have continued their rally, with the All Country World Index Ex-US (ACWX) hitting an all time high this week?

Also of note is that stocks in Emerging Markets have dominated all other segments of the market this month.

And finally, we have to mention that small company stocks in the US have been outperforming large company stocks since April of 2025.

Performance Update: January 2026



via YCharts – through January 28th



AI Bubble? A Look at the Magnificent 7



via YCharts – through January 28th



Economic Indicators: Update

GDP:
4.4% annualized
(Q3 2025)

Inflation
2025: 2.7%

SS COLA:
2026: 2.7%

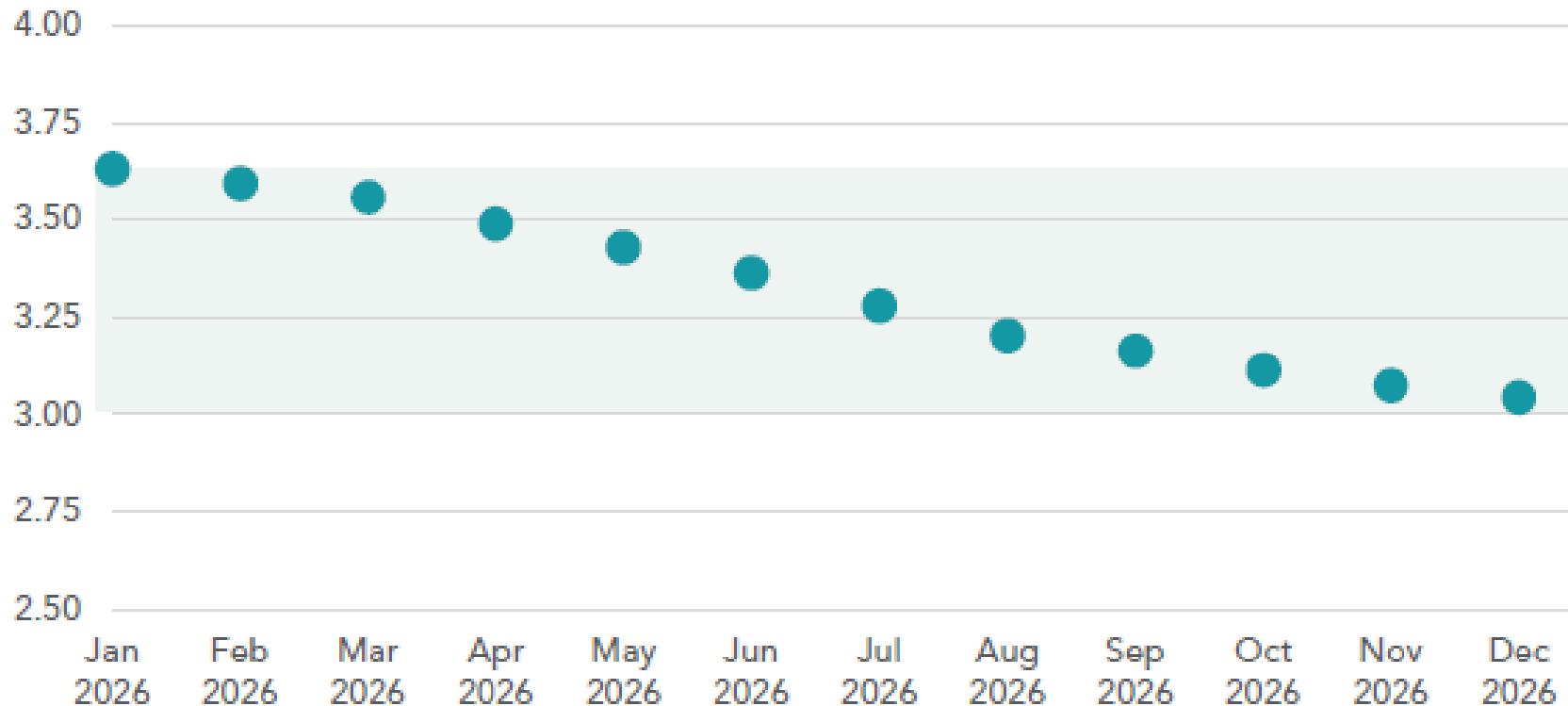
Unemployment:
4.4%

10-Year Bond:
4.24%

Mortgage Rates:
6%

Gold Rush:
\$5,300/oz

Fed Funds Rate: 2026 Expectations



via Dimensional





The Road Ahead...

What We're Watching:

1. Next Fed Mtg: March 17th and 18th
2. SCOTUS/Tariff Decision

When We'll Get Together Again:

1. Next Webinar – April (date TBD)
2. SF and VA In-Person Events
 - SF: July 16th
 - VA: August 6th



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